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June 7, 2002

Mr. David Waddell
Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

Re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Essex Communications, Inc. d/b/a eLEC Communications Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.*
Docket No. 02-00535 02-00690

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Essex Communications, Inc. d/b/a eLEC Communications and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. are hereby submitting to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority the original and thirteen copies of the attached Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated May 11, 2002. The Amendment revises the Notices provision in the Agreement.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Guy M. Hicks

cc: Wesley Minella, Essex Communications, Inc. d/b/a eLEC Communications
Nancy Beck, Essex Communications d/b/a eLEC Communications

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Essex Communications, Inc. d/b/a eLEC Communications Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*

Docket No. 02-00535 02-00690

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE
AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
NEGOTIATED BETWEEN BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
AND ESSEX COMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A eLEC COMMUNICATIONS
PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

COME NOW, Essex Communications, Inc. d/b/a eLEC Communications ("eLEC") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth"), and file this request for approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated May 11, 2002 (the "Amendment") negotiated between the two companies pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, (the "Act"). In support of their request, eLEC and BellSouth state the following:

1. eLEC and BellSouth have successfully negotiated an agreement for interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements offered by BellSouth and the resale of BellSouth's telecommunications services to eLEC. The Interconnection Agreement was filed with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") on May 13, 2002 for approval.

2. The parties have recently negotiated an Amendment to the Agreement which revises the Notices provision in the Agreement. A copy of the Amendment is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

3. Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, eLEC and BellSouth are submitting their Amendment to the TRA for its consideration and approval. The Amendment provides that either or both of the parties is authorized to submit this Amendment to the TRA for approval.

4. In accordance with Section 252(e) of the Act, the TRA is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated Amendment between BellSouth and eLEC within 90 days of its submission. The Act provides that the TRA may only reject such an agreement if it finds that the agreement or any portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or the implementation of the agreement or any portion of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

5. eLEC and BellSouth aver that the Amendment is consistent with the standards for approval.

6. Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act, BellSouth shall make the Agreement available upon the same terms and conditions contained therein.

eLEC and BellSouth respectfully request that the TRA approve the Amendment negotiated between the parties.

This 10th day of June, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By: 

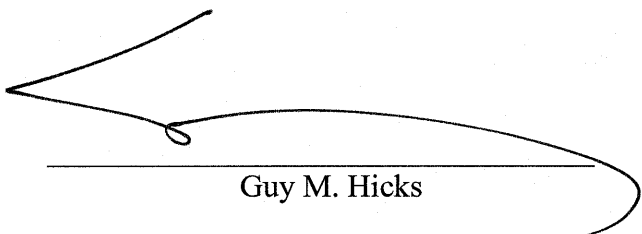
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Guy M. Hicks, hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement on the following via United States Mail on the 10th day of June, 2002:

Wesley Minella
Essex Communications Inc.,
d/b/a eLEC Communications
543 Main Street
New Rochelle, NY 10801

Nancy Beck
Essex Communications Inc.
d/b/a eLEC Communications
509 Westport Avenue
Norwalk, CT 06851



Guy M. Hicks

**AMENDMENT
TO THE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN
ESSEX COMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A ELEC COMMUNICATIONS
AND
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
DATED MAY 11, 2002**

Pursuant to this Amendment, (the "Amendment"), Essex Communications, Inc. D/B/A eLEC Communications ("eLEC"), and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties," hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated May 11, 2002 ("Agreement").

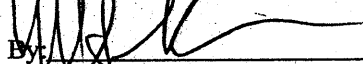
WHEREAS, BellSouth and eLEC entered into the Agreement on May 11, 2002,
and;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. The Parties agree to update Section 20.1, Notices, of the General Terms and Conditions by deleting the following: Nancy Beck, 509 Westport Ave, Norwalk, CT 06851 and replacing with the following:
Maria A. Abbagnaro, Esq.
ELEC Communications
543 Main Street
New Rochelle, NY 10801
2. All of the other provisions of the Agreement, dated May 11, 2002, shall remain in full force and effect.
3. Either or both of the Parties is authorized to submit this Amendment to the respective state regulatory authorities for approval subject to Section 252(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives on the date indicated below.

**Essex Communications, Inc. D/B/A eLEC
Communications**


By: 

Name: Maria Abbagnaro

Title: Director Regulatory Affairs

Date: 5/16/02

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

By: 

Name: Patrick C. Finken

Title: Managing Director

Date: 5/20/02